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#### THE HARBOR QUESTION.

Last Saturday's Advertiser rushes into the harbor question again with a terrific splash of language, but without making a ripple from any intelligent idea dropped. As a whole its article is a specimen of that mental obliquity usually employed by that paper when it views the opinions of others for the sake of confounding them. There is not a reference to the position assumed by the HERALD which is not united with a misrepresentation. Moreover, there is not an expression of our contemporary's own views which is not the revelation that in a Government marked by ignorance of the matter at school not named the greater part of

had been greatly and unnecessarily law of last session? lessened by reclamation works. And we further suggested," it continues, "that it might yet become necessary to increase the water space, instead of continuing to make land by destroying the Treasury books that is now going the harbor." The author of this quoforward. Yesterday Gen. Rosecrans, talking about, or is misrepresenting nearly \$1,000,000 due the Government things for the purpose of obtaining a little revenge against those with whom league. In any other case, let the tion to build a canal from Georgetown Advertiser point out where space available for sea going vessels has been mac by means of an aqueduct. The the point where we took issue with the the Secretary in trust, and to be sold little further discussion,

in to make land. A rocky ledge ran along the margin of the harbor, and Under this Act the United States paid within the outer edge of that ledge over to the canal company in 1837 there was a depth of about two feet at \$150,000; in 1838, \$100,000; in 1839, high water. It was upon this ledge or \$50,000. But it never received any reef that the new land was made. To make a scientific frontage protuber settled condition. The Register has ances of the ledge into deep water were called the attention of the Secretary of cut away, which enlarged instead of the Treasury to it, and it is probable lessened the space available for sea going vessels The bulk of the ledge amine into it from the beginning. reclaimed to land would require, in order to be excavated for the accommodation of ocean craft, more than "any sum of money the Hawaiian Government could possibly command," to use a phrase adopted by our contemporary in another connection, "Make Hotel street. land by destroying the harbor?" Did our contemporary not know that for every cubic foot of land built on the 50 cents. useless reef a cubic foot of water was gained to the space available for sea going vessels? If not, it was street. simply talking at random for some object apart from the welfare of the port.

The reclaimed land was all formed Hand-made Ice Cream, Cakes and Candies to of material obtained in deepening and one and all. Good quality in everything is our standard motto. extending the harbor. Our contemporaries make it appear that the Honolulu harbor works going on since away back in the fifties represented a freak of landlubber politicians. They ought to Keep our know that the improvements effected are the result of painstaking calcula-

THE DAILY HERALD, excellent authorities. An engineer who had been connected with the great harbor works of New York, including the colossal blasting at Hell Gate, while on a visit to the Kingdom looked minutely into the system of harbor improvement. His opinion was given readily and frankly, that the Government was doing the best it could under the circumstances. Land was being made, while the harbor was being enlarged. That was the way an authority who may be called eminent looked at our harbor works. Perhaps, however, respect should rather be paid to the views of men who would be put to a serious task if required to distinguish between a dredging machine and a float ing grain elevator.

The remarks of the Advertiser on Peail Harbor require attention, but there is not available space for the purpose in this issue.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mr. Kaae having assumed the Registrarship, it only remains at present to hope that he will agreeably disappoint the very general public misgivings regarding his capacity. Otherwise there will undoubtedly be a storm in the event of blundering or bungling in the

Through inadvertence the HERALD has hitherto omitted to notice the appointment of Mr. David Manaku as Assistant Postmaster-General. The act is one calling for hearty approval, as the incumbent has experience joined with proved capacity and integrity. Besides, it is in the line of the very desirable system of appointments by promotion wherever practicable.

A note sent to the Bulletin makes the children over ten years of age aer Take the latter proposition first, regularly supplied with opium by the The Advertiser says "its remarks were neighboring Chinese. With this under confined to the necessity for conserving prohibition, what will it be when the deep water of Honolulu harbor, license, so strenuously advocated by and to an expression of regret that the the Advertises during the past two space available for sea going vessels years, has come into operation by the

#### Cheating the Government.

A Washington special to the Chicago Tribune says: There is some good coming from the examination of tation either does not know what he is the Register, discovered that there was he was recently in close political gress was approved creating a corporagreatly and unnecessarily lessened by sum of \$10,000 was donated by Conreclamation works. Let it tell where a gress to assist in this work. In 1837 foot of navigable water in the harbor the Secretary of the Treasury was has been destroyed to make land. If authorized to loan \$300,000 to the canal company in order to complete there has been a foot or a few yards of the canal and bridge. To secure this water, deep enough to take an ocean loan the corporate authorities of Alexvessel, encroached upon in the barbor andria were required to deposit the works referred to, it has been given stock held by them in the canal comback with interest. As this bears upon pany in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury, the same to be held by Bulletin, it is a question that calls for a by him when, in his judgment, the proper time had arrived, and the Gov-There has been no deep water filled ernment thus be reimbursed for the loan and the balance, if any, turned over to the authorities of Alexandria. certificates of stock, and the account stood from that time to this in an unthat it will be referred to the Attorney General, with the request that he ex-

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